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AN INTELLIGENCE COLONEL IN THE GUISE OF A SCIENTIST

In Order to Condemn the English Businessman Wynn on an Espionage Charge the Russians Provided their Ex Assistant Military Attache in Turkey the Identity of a Scientist.

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It has been learned that the Russian scientist Penkovsky, who had been arrested on the charge of spying against Russia with an English businessman and who was put on trial in Moscow, was not really a scientist but a colonel of intelligence.

There are two suspects at this espionage trial which began in Moscow 7 May. One of these is English businessman Greville Wynn, the other is Soviet scientist Oleg Penkovsky. Both are accused of giving the West, from 1961-1962, secret documents pertaining to the Soviet Union's missile strength, Soviet Units in East Germany and Chinese-Soviet relations.

Greville Wynne, one of the accused, was arrested in Budapest in November 62 and sent to Russia. Wynne has been detained for six months.

Colonel Penkovsky, who was very popular in Diplomatic circles when he was Assistant Army Attache in Soviet Embassy Ankara, from 1955-1956, was selected to be a member of the Committee of Scientific Research as an intelligence tactic of the Russians.

This intelligence officer, who has no close or direct connection with science, made many trips outside Russia in the guise of a "scientist" and tried to collect information.

According to information received, Penkovsky was born in 1919. He graduated from the artillery school in Kiev as a Second-Lieutenant in 1939. He became a member of the Communist Party in 1940 rising to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in 1945 after the second world war, when he was 26 and he becoming a colonel when he was 31. He has received various medals. In 1955 he worked in Ankara. In 1956 he got on poor terms with Secret Intelligence Chief General Rubenko and was recalled to Moscow. After this, he was given the identity of a scientist, and thus was able to contact foreign experts, scientists, and delegations coming to Moscow. Thus the Soviets have gone so far as to introduce Penkovsky to the West as a scientist by official declarations.

Most recently, Penkovsky has been arrested and accused of spying against Russia with Greville Wynne, an English businessman. Although his trial has begun in Moscow, it is understood that this is prearranged and represents a device to bring about the sentencing of the English businessman.